

Colorado § 1115 Proposals
Proposal 1: Children's Home and Community Based Services Program with Premium
Proposal 2: Children's Extensive Support Program with Premium

FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstrations: Children's HCBS Program with Premium and
Children's Extensive Support Program with
Premium

Date Proposal Submitted: August 14, 2003

Date Proposal Approved:

Scheduled Expiration Date:

Date Demonstration Implemented:

SUMMARY

Colorado currently administers two 1915(c) waiver programs for children with disabilities. In response to State legislation, Colorado submitted two 1115 demonstration proposals that replace 1915(c) programs. In addition, the demonstrations provide services to families with gross yearly incomes exceeding 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level who will pay premiums based on a sliding fee scale.

The proposed Children's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) 1115 demonstration program provides case management to children with physical disabilities residing at home that need care at a level provided by a hospital or nursing facility. In addition, self-directed/family directed in-home support services such as personal care, homemaker, and health maintenance activities are included.

The proposed Children's Extensive Support (CES) 1115 demonstration serves children with developmental disabilities or delays who meet ICF/MR level of care requirements. As the name implies, extensive supports are included such as personal assistance, assistive technology, home modification, and counseling.

Colorado's Senate Bill 03-259 requires the State to collect a monthly premium fee on a sliding scale from families with children enrolled in the Children's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver program and the Children's Extensive Support waiver program. Premium fees are expected to offset other sources of state funds, reduce the stress on the State's budget and preserve the current programs for all participants.

TARGET POPULATION/ELIGIBILITY

The demonstrations will use current Children's HCBS waiver program and the Children's Extensive Support (CES) waiver program targeting criteria. The children are under the age of 18, live at home or can return home with HCBS or CES services, meet SSI disability criteria, and

meet the level of care requirements for nursing facilities, hospitals, or ICFs/MR. Children participating in the CES program have developmental disabilities or developmental delay, as well as, a significant pattern of self-endangering behavior, aggressive behavior or constant vocalizations.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Children's HCBS Program with Premium – 630 children

Children's Extensive Support Program with Premium – 212 children (full-year equivalents)

BENEFIT PACKAGE

Children's HCBS Program with Premium – Participants receive State Plan and case management services. In addition, children and families receive and direct in-home support services such as personal care, homemaker, and health maintenance activities.

Children's Extensive Support Program with Premium – The following services will be provided if not available to participants through EPSDT, private insurance, the State Plan, or other state-funded programs: personal assistance, household services, home modification, assistive technology, recreational equipment, specialized equipment and supplies. In addition, professional services include counseling, training for parents, diagnostic and testing services, nursing and home health aide services, and services to connect participants to community services and recreation.

COST SHARING

Premium fees are determined annually and assessed for families with incomes above 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the size of the family:

Percent of Federal Poverty Guideline	Monthly Premium
Under 300%	\$0
300 to 349%	\$42
350 to 399%	\$83
400 to 449%	\$104
450 to 499%	\$125
500 to 549%	\$208
550 to 599%	\$250
600% and above	\$250

ENROLLMENT LIMIT/CAP

Enrollment is limited to 630 children in the HCBS demonstration and 212 children in the CES demonstration.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The existing network of providers will be used.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The current Medicaid appeal process applies to the demonstrations.

MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS

None

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